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RE: GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT #19-0089
HERNANDEZ vs. FIEDLER

Dear Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel:

Enclosed herewith is the decision of the reviewing committee of the Statewide Grievance Committee concerning the above referenced matter. In accordance with the Practice Book Sections 2-35, 2-36 and 2-38(a), the Respondent may, within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice, submit to the Statewide Grievance Committee a request for review of the decision.

A request for review must be sent to the Statewide Grievance Committee at the address listed above.

Sincerely,


Michael P. Bowler

Encl.

cc: Attorney Richard T. Florentine
Herminio Hernandez

NOTICE REGARDING DECISION
SANCTIONS OR CONDITIONS

GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT # 19-0089

THE ATTACHED DECISION IS PRESENTLY STAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
PRACTICE BOOK §§2-35 AND 2-38.

SECTION 2-35 STATES, IN PART, AS FOLLOWS:

(e) ... Enforcement of the final decision ... shall be stayed for thirty days from the date of the issuance to the parties of the final decision. In the event the respondent timely submits to the Statewide Grievance Committee a request for review of the final decision of the reviewing committee, such stay shall remain in full force and effect pursuant to Section 2-38(b).

SECTION 2-38 STATES, IN PART, AS FOLLOWS:

(b) ... Enforcement of a decision by a reviewing committee imposing sanctions or conditions against the respondent ... shall be stayed for thirty days from the issuance to the parties of the final decision of the reviewing committee pursuant to Section 2-35(g). If within that period the respondent files with the Statewide Grievance Committee a request for review of the reviewing committee's decision, the stay shall remain in effect for thirty days from the issuance by the Statewide Grievance Committee of its final decision pursuant to Section 2-36. If the respondent timely commences an appeal [of the sanctions or conditions to the Superior Court] pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, such stay shall remain in full force and effect until the conclusion of all proceedings, including all appeals, relating to the decision imposing sanctions or conditions against the respondent. If at the conclusion of all proceedings, the decision imposing sanctions or conditions against the respondent is rescinded, the complaint shall be deemed dismissed as of the date of the decision imposing sanctions or conditions against the respondent.

DECISION DATE: 9-27-19



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RE: Grievance Complaint #19-0089, Herminio Hernandez v. Robert L. Fiedler

Dear Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and Respondent:

Pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(b), the undersigned, duly-appointed reviewing committee of the Statewide Grievance Committee, have reviewed the *Proposed Disposition Pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(b)* (hereinafter “*Proposed Disposition*”) filed on September 4, 2019 and submitted for approval in the above referenced matter. After careful consideration of the *Proposed Disposition*, the *Affidavit* of the Respondent submitted pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(d) and the entire record of the complaint, and after conducting a hearing pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(b) on September 4, 2019, the undersigned hereby APPROVE the *Proposed Disposition*, a copy of which is attached hereto together with the *Affidavit* of the Respondent. Accordingly, the disposition agreed to by the Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and the Respondent in the above referenced matter and set forth in the *Proposed Disposition* is hereby made an order of this reviewing committee. The Respondent is reprimanded.

Reviewing Committee member Attorney Scott M. Jones was not available for the September 4, 2019 hearing. The Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and the Respondent waived the participation of Attorney Jones in the consideration and decision of the *Proposed Disposition*. Accordingly, the matter was considered and decided by the undersigned.

So ordered.

Encl.

cc: Attorney Richard Florentine

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STATEWIDE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

HERMINIO HERNANDEZ
Complainant

GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT
#19-0089

v.

ROBERT L. FIEDLER
Respondent

PROPOSED DISPOSITION PURSUANT TO PRACTICE BOOK § 2-82(b)

Pursuant to Practice Book § 2-82(b), and Practice Book § 2-82(a)(2), the undersigned Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel stipulate and agree as follows:

1. Robert L. Fiedler (hereinafter Respondent), Juris #307165, was admitted to the bar of the State of Connecticut on November 25, 1987. The Respondent has a history of discipline in that he was reprimanded by the Statewide Grievance Committee on November 23, 2018.
2. The Respondent has registered with the Statewide Grievance Committee for 2019 and is currently in good standing.
3. This matter was instituted by grievance complaint dated February 5, 2019.
4. On May 1, 2019, the New Britain J.D. and J.D. of Hartford for G.A. #12 and the Towns of Avon, Bloomfield, Canton, Farmington and West Hartford Grievance Panel found probable cause that the Respondent violated Rules 1.5 and 8.1(2) of the Rules of Professional Conduct, as well as § 2-32(a)(1) of the Connecticut Practice Book.
5. The Respondent has tendered an affidavit pursuant to Practice Book § 2-82(d), attached hereto, and admits that he failed to respond to the grievance complaint in violation of Rule 8.1(2) of the Rules of Professional Conduct and § 2-32(a)(1) of the Connecticut Practice Book.
6. The Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel agree that the Respondent shall be reprimanded pursuant to Practice Book § 2-37(a).

7. The Respondent understands that this is a disciplinary sanction pursuant to Practice Book § 2-37(a).
8. The Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel agree that Disciplinary Counsel will recommend that the Statewide Grievance Committee impose the sanctions set forth in this agreement. If this agreement is rejected by the Statewide Grievance Committee, Disciplinary Counsel will pursue this matter at a contested hearing.

WHEREFORE, this matter is submitted to the Statewide Grievance Committee for its approval in accordance with Practice Book § 2-82(b).

Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel,

9-4-19
Date

By: Leahne M. Larson
Leahne M. Larson
Assistant Chief Disciplinary Counsel

9/4/2019
Date

[Signature]
Robert L. Fiedler
Respondent

STATEWIDE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

HERMINIO HERNANDEZ

Complainant

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Respondent

AFFIDAVIT

I am over the age of 18 and believe in the obligation of an oath. Pursuant to Practice Book § 2-82(d), I make the following affidavit:


1. The Proposed Disposition attached hereto and made a part hereof is voluntarily submitted.
2. I hereby consent to the form of disposition described in the foregoing Proposed Disposition.
3. I am aware that I have a right to a full evidentiary hearing on this matter with the assistance of an attorney and I waive that right by entering into this agreement.
4. I have been neither subject to coercion nor duress and I am fully aware of the consequences of this Affidavit and Proposed Disposition.
5. I am aware of the current proceeding regarding my alleged violation of Rules 1.5 and 8.1(2) of the Rules of Professional Conduct, as well as § 2-32(a)(1) of the Connecticut Practice Book.
6. I admit that I failed to respond to the grievance complaint in violation of Rule 8.1(2) of the Rules of Professional Conduct and § 2-32(a)(1) of the Connecticut Practice Book.

7. I agree that I shall be reprimanded pursuant to Practice Book § 2-37(a).
8. I understand that this is a disciplinary sanction pursuant to Practice Book § 2-37(a).
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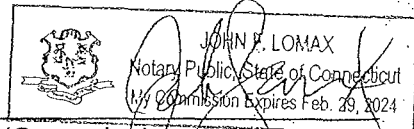
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) ss. NEW HAVEN

COUNTY OF NEW HAVEN)


Robert L. Fiedler

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of September, 2019.



Notary Public/Commissioner of the
Superior Court